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REMARKS

After entry of the present amendment, claims 1-5, 20-38 and 40 will be pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 6-19 and 39 have been canceled without prejudice to, at least, correct typographical discrepancies by removing subject matter that was elected in the parent application and not presented in the present application. The amendments to the claim are fully supported by the application as filed. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment into the application.

In view of the amendments and following remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – Double Patenting

In the Office Action, claims 1-40 were "provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-29 of copending Application No. 10/804,380" Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer for the present application, obviating the ground for this rejection. In light of the terminal disclaimer, applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements mailed March 19, 2004 and April 16, 2004, have been considered by providing an initialed copy of the submitted Form 1449s. Applicants also respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that the prior art submitted and found with respect to parent application of this divisional application, Serial No. 09/992,660, has been reviewed and considered in this application. MPEP §2001.06(b)

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below if the Examiner believes such would be helpful in advancing the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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